



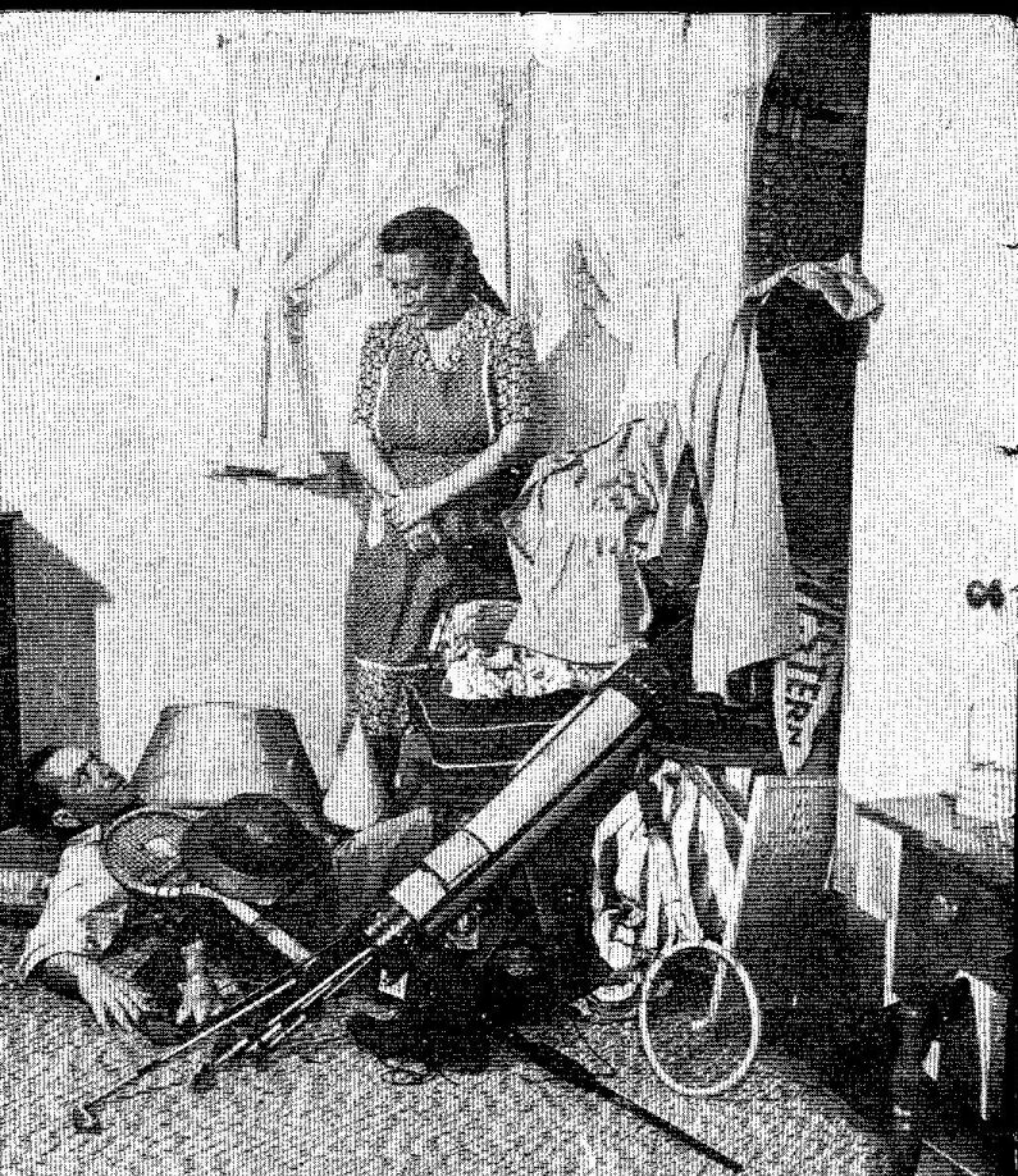
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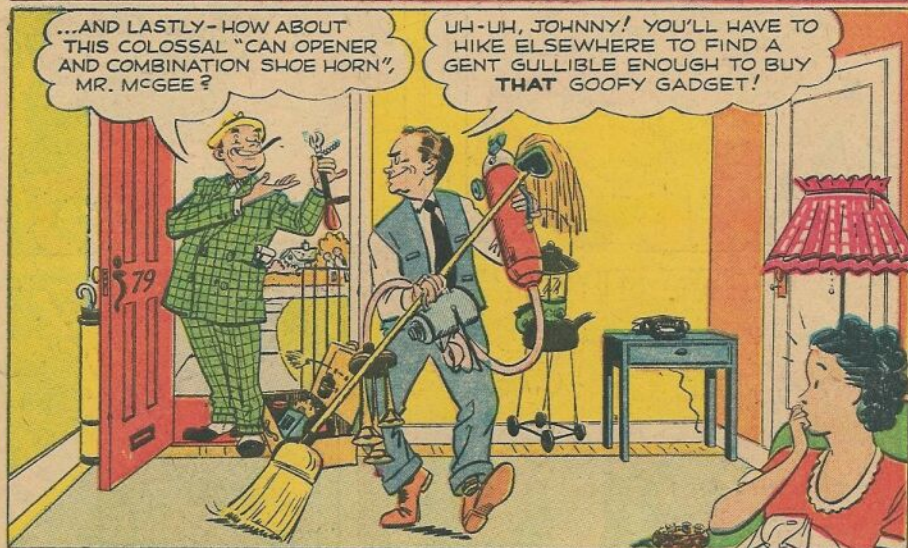


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RADIO'S BEST-LOVED COUPLE



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BUT, MCGEE, AREN'T WE EVEN GOING TO LOOK AND SEE WHAT'S INSIDE THE PARCEL?

ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS SEEING THE **INSIDE** OF THAT DEPARTMENT STORE MANAGER'S OFFICE! COME ON, THERE'S A CAB!



AND LATER, NOT MANY BLOCKS FROM WISTFUL VISTA

OKAY, MOLLY, HERE WE ARE!

EASY, DEARIE, IT'S CUSTOMARY TO GIVE A TAXI DRIVER A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION BEFORE LEAVING!



MANAGER! WHERE'S THE MANAGER?

PARDON ME, BUT MY HUSBAND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STORE MANAGER!

I THOUGHT THAT YOUNG LADY SAID TURN LEFT, MCGEE

WE MIGHT TRY FINDING OUT AT THE INFORMATION BOOTH, HANDSOME!

YOU BETCHA I'D LIKE TO!

FIRST AISLE AND TURN **LEFT** PLEASE!

PROBABLY THE RACKET IN THIS SHACK CONFUSED YOU, MOLLY! SHE SAID GO **RIGHT**!



BUT---

NO BUTS, BEAUTIFUL, JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME! JUST LOOK AT THAT GANG GANGING UP ON THAT MANAGER! HE MUST BE IN THAT CAGE AT THE END OF THE LINE!



ONE HOUR LATER

REFUND OR EXCHANGE SIR?

HEY, LET GO OF MY HAT!

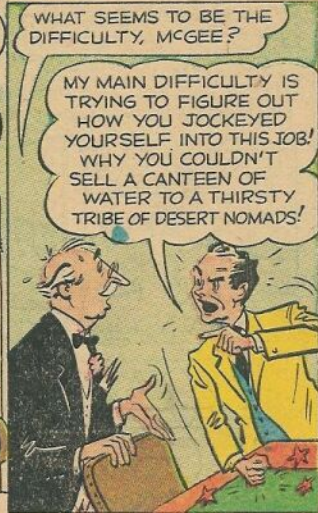
MCGEE! NOW I KNOW SHE SAID **TURN LEFT**!



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MR. MEEKER'S WAITING FOR US, MCGEE!
YOU CONVINCED HIM **NOT** TO BUY THAT
PLASTIC WALLET! INSTEAD HE WANTS TO
MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT ON A **PRESSURE
COOKER** FOR HIS WIFE!



WANTS ME TO GIVE HIM
A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION,
EH?

THIS "POWER-FULL"
PRESSURE COOKER
MAKES MEAL TIME
IN THE HOME A
LEISURELY LARK!



SKIP THE SPIEL, SIS, AND
TAKE YOURSELF A TEN
MINUTE REST PERIOD--
MCGEE'LL TAKE OVER
THAT MECHANICAL
MARVEL!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS DUMP
YOUR DINNER INTO THE
COOKER, THEN ZIPPO, GIVE
'ER TH' GAS!



AND BELIEVE YOU
ME, MR. MEEKER,
MCGEE'S GOT PLENTY
OF GAS!

LET'S SEE--"WHEN THE PRESSURE
INDICATOR EXHIBITS STACCATO
MOTION, FULL CONSUMPTION
SHOULD BE DIMINISHED APPRECIABLY"
---HMPH, REAL DENSE DICTIONARY
DIALOGUE!



CLICKITY-CLACK!

WHILE I'M LOOKING FOR THE
INDICATOR, I'LL JUST GET RID
OF THIS JIGGLER! IT'S
GIVING ME A HEADACHE!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION,
DEAR, THAT JIGGLER
YOU JUST JUNKED IS
THE INDICATOR!

MOLLY--
WAIT!

WE'LL MEET YOU AT THE UMBRELLA
COUNTER, SWEETHEART--THERE'S
A SHOWER COMING UP!



BLAMMMM!



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WHOA --- **WHAT** HAVE WE HERE?
LOOKS LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN
A MEANDERING MASQUERADER
AND A MAN FROM MARS!

OH, MCGEE! IT'S JUST A CHAP CARRYING A
LENGTH OF HOSE! WE'RE IN THE "HOME
AND GARDEN" DEPARTMENT!



MMPH -
GLUMP -
UH-☆!

BETTER GET YOUR BALANCE,
BUB, OR YOUR LIABLE TO
BOWL OVER AND START
BOUNCING!



HEY, STOP SHOVING THAT SPRINKLER
ON MY SHOULDERS, SONNY. I CAN'T
H-HOLD--

CAREFULL,
DEARIE!



WATCH OUT THAT
THAT HOSE DON'T
GIVE YOU A NOZZLE
IN THE SCHOZZLE,
SNOOKY!

SO, SORRY, NEIGHBOR!



IMAGINE - MAKING ME BUY **FORTY** FEET
OF HOSE WHEN I ONLY NEED **TEN** FEET
FOR MY GARDEN! I'D LIKE TO **MEET** THE
MONKEY THAT MANAGES THIS MART!

YOU **JUST** HAD THAT
PLEASURE, MISTER!



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TEN SECONDS LATER---

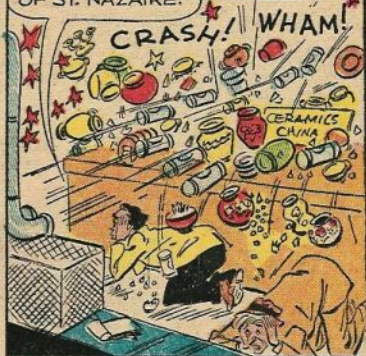
THAT'S SCIENCE FOR YOU! THIS GADGET PUTS THE CASH REGISTER IN THE REALM OF THE MIDDLE AGES!

WHOA-HO! THAT LITTLE WONDER'S GOT ITSELF A CASE OF HICCUPS OR SOMETHING!

BETTER DUCK, DARLING!

THIS BARRAGE BRINGS TO MIND MY EXPERIENCE BACK IN THE BATTLE OF ST. NAZAIRE!

CRASH! WHAM!



LOOK, MCGEE, THERE'S A PENNY IN EACH CYLINDER!

SOME UPSTART UPSTAIRS HAS GOT A SADISTIC SENSE OF HUMOR! FIFTY CENTS CHANGE--DIVIDED INTO FIFTY CYLINDERS



WELL, YOU ASKED TO HAVE SMALL CHANGE MADE, MCGEE!

AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A SMALL CHANGE MADE--UPSTAIRS IN THE CASHIER'S DEPARTMENT!



JUST LET ME PLACE MY PAWS ON THAT PETTY MOOLAH MANAGER! WHY, I'LL ---

YOU'LL STAY RIGHT HERE HANDSOME---



--UNLESS YOU STOP TRYING TO TRIP UP A DOWN ESCALATOR!

HUH?



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AND AT LAST---

HMPH, THEY MUST KEEP THE CASHIER UP IN THE TOWER OF THIS CALICO CASTLE



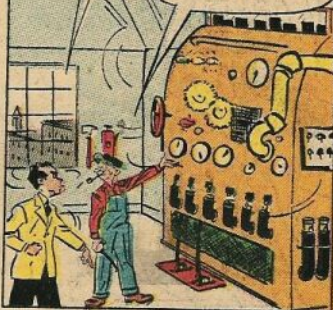
THOUGHT I WOULDN'T FIND YOU, EH, YOU PENNY PITCHER? WELL JUST LET ME TELL YOU A THING OR---HUH?



COME UP TO SEE HOW THE "CASHIER" WORKS, MR. MCCREE

YEAH, WHERE IS HE? AND THE NAME'S MCGEE, POP!

"HE" IS A MACHINE MR. MCGEE-- THE GREATEST MECHANICAL MULTIPLE CASH REGISTER IN THE WORLD!



YOU MEAN THAT TON OF TIN THINKS? OKAY, POP, PULL A LEVER AND LET'S HAVE A LITTLE "MIND VERSUS MACHINE" MATCH!



IF YOU SAY SO, MR. MCGEE, READY? MULTIPLY 4632 BY 517!

LET'S SEE--- 7 TIMES 2 IS 14, CARRY THE ONE---



2,394,744!

NO CHUNK OF CAST IRON'S GOING TO MAKE AN IDIOT OUT OF MCGEE, THE GENERAL MANAGER! STAND ASIDE, POP!



OH, HULLO, MOLLY-- WHAT'S UP?

I MIGHT ASK YOU THAT VERY SAME QUESTION, CUTIE! I DON'T MIND SEEING YOU BURY THE HATCHET-- BUT NOT IN A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR PIECE OF PRECIOUS MACHINERY!



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I THINK YOU'D BETTER SAVE YOUR STRENGTH FOR THE "HOME AND GARDEN" DEPARTMENT, DEARIE! THEY'VE GOT A PEACHY PROBLEM WAITING FOR YOU!

I'LL BE BACK, YOU BUNDLE OF BOLTS AND BATTERIES!



AND MEANWHILE ---

WE'RE STILL WAITING TO SEE THAT MANAGER, CLERK!

MR. MCGEE'LL BE BACK HERE PRESENTLY, GENTLEMEN! HE'S OUR NEW SELF-APPOINTED "HOSE LENGTH" EXPERT!



I'M AFRAID WE'VE RUN INTO A LITTLE HOSE LENGTH DIFFICULTY AGAIN, MR. MCGEE!

LOOK, JUNIOR, AN EXECUTIVE OF MY CALIBER CAN'T COME AND SHORTEN HOSE LENGTHS FOR EVERY TOM, DICK AND HARRY!



WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN SHORTENING, SHORTY! WE WANT THREE FORTY-FOOT HOSE LENGTHS!

F-FORTY F-FOOT?



ER, I'LL HAVE TO HOLD A CONFERENCE WITH THE MANAGER WHO MANAGES THE GENERAL MANAGER BOYS!



MOLLY, I'M IN A MUDDLE! THREE HEFTY HE-MEN ARE HOWLING FOR FORTY-FOOT HOSES --- AFTER I WENT AND SAWED ALL THE SPRAYERS DOWN TO TEN-FOOT STUMPS!



LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LINK THOSE LENGTHS TOGETHER AGAIN, ANGEL!

LINK 'EM UP, EH? HEY-Y I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT, TOOTSIE! STAY HERE I'LL BE BACK IN A JIFFY!



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AND-- WE HAVE A **HOSIERY** REPAIR SERVICE, MR. MCGEE BUT THERE'S NOTHING LISTED UNDER **RUBBER HOSE** REPAIRS

UH, HUH! OKAY, JUST SKIP IT, SIS!



LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE LICKED, MCGEE! STUCK TIGHTER THAN A TON OF ADHESIVE TAPE! **WHOA-HO...TAPE-THAT'S IT!**



GET A LOAD OF "YOUNG DOCTOR WHOSIS," LULLU!

SOME POOR SOUL SURE MUST'VE HAD AN AWFUL ACCIDENT!



OKAY, FOLKS, FALL BACK AND GIVE FIBBER THE PHYSICIAN ROOM TO WORKIN'!

HEAVENLY DAYS, A WALKING DRUGSTORE!



OKAY, NURSE -- BANDAGE, SCALPEL, FORCEPS, SPONGE---

NOT SO QUICK, QUACK!



THERE YOU ARE, FRIEND, FORTY FEET AS PROMISED! IF SHE SPRINGS A LEAK DON'T HESITATE TO GIVE US A BUZZ!



DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH MANAGING, MCGEE! LET'S JUST RESIGN AND RETIRE TO GOOD OLD 79 WISTFULL VISTA!

SURE, SNOOKY--- RIGHT AFTER I TAKE CARE OF JUST ONE MORE THING!



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IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, I'M GOING TO GET THE GEARS, SHIFTED ON THAT SLOW MOTION STAIRWAY, SO'S A GUY WON'T HAVE TO GROW A **BEARD** BETWEEN THE SIXTH FLOOR AND THE BASEMENT!



COME ON, MOLLY, WE'RE GOING TO SCARE UP THE SUPERINTENDENT THAT SETS THE ESCALATOR PACE AROUND HERE!

CAN'T WE JUST SCARE UP A TAXI AND SET OUT FOR HOME. HANDSOME?



HMPPH—"KEEP OUT!" GOOD IDEA THAT SIGN, SHOOS ALL THE SNOOPERS AWAY!

ALMOST ALL THE SNOOPERS, KIDDO!



HULLO, MR. MCGEE, COME DOWN FOR A LITTLE COOK'S TOUR EH?

COOKING'S THE WORD, CHUM! THIS DUNGEON LOOKS LIKE A LEFTOVER FROM "DANTE'S INFERNO."



AND **THIS**, I TAKE IT, IS THE GOVERNOR THAT GOVERNS THE ESCALATORS, EH, GOVERNOR?

YUP! IT'S A VERY DELICATE MECHANISM THAT CAN'T BE **MONKEYED** WITH!

OH-OH THAT'S ALL MCGEE HAS TO HEAR!



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WELL, FROM NOW ON IT'S
FULL SPEED AHEAD!
CAPTAIN'S ORDERS. SEE?

Y-YES SIR!

LET'S GO, GORGEOUS! WE'LL HOP AN ELEVATOR AND GRAB A GRANDSTAND SEAT AT THE THIRD FLOOR, HALFWAY MARK OF THIS ESCALATOR STEEPLECHASE!

THIRD FLOOR!

THIS JOINT'S NOISIER
THAN A JIVING JUKE
BOX, MOLLY!

HUH, WHAT THESE DEMONSTRATORS WON'T DO TO MAKE A SALE! THAT BUOYANT BOOB'S PROBABLY PLUGGING A NEW LIGHT-WEIGHT SUIT, OR SOMETHING!

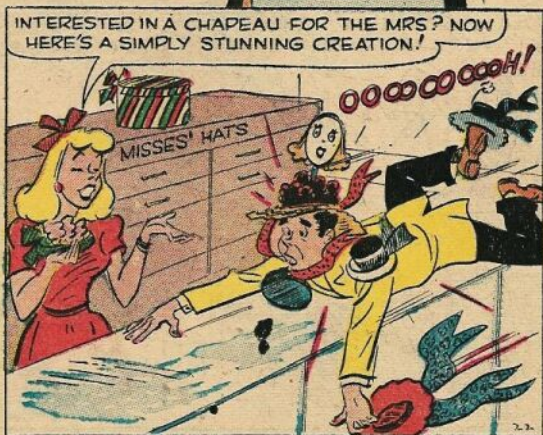
McGEE!!

ELEVATORS

HEAVENLY DAYS!

GET ME OFFA HERE!

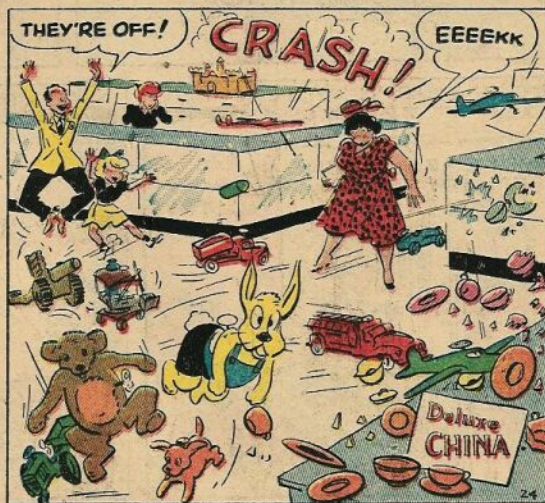
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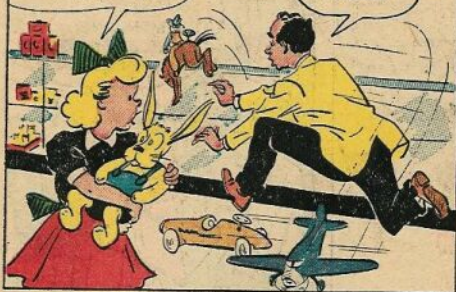
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I'LL TAKE THIS OL' BOUNCIN' BUNNY JUST TH' SAME, THANKYA ' 'BYE'

OH-OH, THOSE GALLOPING GADGETS ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND BACK THERE!



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TURN OFF, YOU TIN TYRANT! TURN OFF!



CHUG ON MY CHIN, WILL YOU? JUST LET ME GET MY MITTS ON YOUR MAINSPRING!

HELP!



EEK--\$4.98--
EEK--\$12.50--
--\$49.50--

ONE MORE WALTZ BY THAT MECHANICAL MOUSE AND I'LL BE BANKRUPT!



HEY, CLIMB OFF THAT CARPET, YOU RING-TAILED RUG CUTTER!

TSK-TSK-- ONE OF OUR BEST \$200.00 TAPESTRIES!

TH-THAT METAL MONSTER'S COSTING ME A GOOD FIVE BUCKS A BITE UP THERE!



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIGHT THAT TOY FACTORY FUGITIVE ' BOY, WHERE'S THE SPORTING GOOD'S DEPARTMENT?

FOURTH FLOOR!



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MINUTES LATER, MCGEE MARCHES BACK TO MATCH WITS WITH THE MECHANICAL MONKEY ---

OKAY, BOYS, STEP ASIDE FOR MCGEE, THE MALAY JUNGLE MARKSMAN!



ONE SLUG AND THAT TIN TERROR'LL BE SET FOR A TRIP TO THE TAXIDERMIST!

AND YOU'LL BE SET FOR A TRIP TO THE LOCAL LOCKUP, DEARIE!



AW GEE, MOLLY---

THE POLICE GET PEEVED WHEN PEOPLE GO POPPING OFF GUNS IN PUBLIC, YOU KNOW! BESIDES, THE MONKEY'S MOTOR HAS JUST ABOUT RUN OUT!



MOLLY, AS A MANAGER, I'M THE BIGGEST MESS-MAKER THAT EVER MADE A MESS!

CHEER UP, KIDDO, WE CAN REARRANGE THE RUINS INTO A LITTLE CLEARANCE SALE!



TERRIFIC, TOOTSIE! THAT'S THE BEST BRAINSTORM I'VE HAD TODAY! LET'S GET RIGHT TO IT!

YOU CAN ROUND UP THE WRECKED RECORDS AND RIPPED RUG, TYCOON



WE'LL TEACH OL' MAN WATT A THING OR TWO ABOUT UNLOADING UNWANTED MERCHANDISE, EH, MOLLY?

MAYBE YOU'D BETTER HAVE A "REDUCED" POSTER PLACED ON THAT MESS, MCGEE!

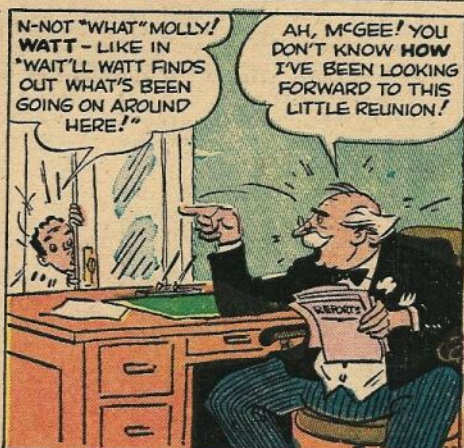


SAY, SONNY, SLAP ONE OF THOSE "SLASHED" TO A DOLLAR" SIGNS ON THAT THIRD COUNTER FROM THE END! I'LL BE IN MY MAIN FLOOR OFFICE IN CASE YOU WANT ME!

YES, MR. MCGEE!



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AND BIDDING FOND FAREWELL TO QUIANT "WATT-NOTTS," OUR ADVENTURERS BOARD A TAXI FOR HOME----

AFTER THE WALLOPING MY WALLET TOOK, WE OUGHT TO WALK!

THE TAXI'S ON ME, MCGEE!

WATT
NOTTS
DEPARTMENT
STORE

BEEN ON A LITTLE SPENDIN' SPREE, EH, FOLKS?

BROTHER, HOW RIGHT YOU ARE! 79 WISTFUL VISTA, PLEASE!

AH, IT'S GOOD TO SEE OUR HOUSE AGAIN, FIBBER!

TAKE A GOOD LOOK, I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO MORTGAGE IT OFF!

MCGEE! LOOK OUT FOR THAT---

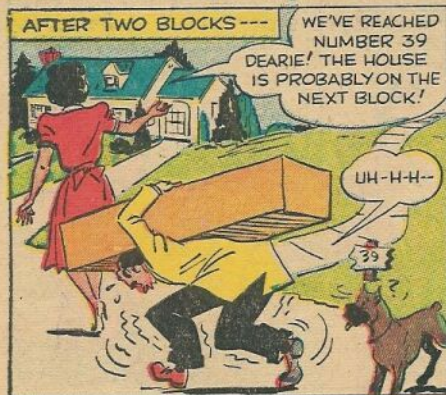
---PACKAGE!

YEOW-W!

THAT DOES IT! THAT DARN BUNDLE HAS BOWLED ME OVER FOR THE LAST TIME! MOLLY, GET WATT-NOTTS ON THE TELEPHONE!

GOOD GRACIOUS, MCGEE, THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE--- THIS PACKAGE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SENT TO 29 WISTFUL VISTA!

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I'LL TAKE OVER, SNOOKY! MAYBE THERE'LL BE A GOOD BOX OF CIGARS AT THE END OF THIS SPECIAL DELIVERY ROUTE!



YES?

THIS CARTON WAS DELIVERED BY "WATT-NOTTS" TO MY HOUSE BY MISTAKE--- AS USUAL! IT'S FOR MR. MCCOMBS!



MR. MCCOMBS! A PACKAGE FOR YOU!

HMPH, THAT NAME'S GOT A FAMILIAR RING TO IT!



MAYBE I MET HIM DOWN AT THE ELKS CLUB--NO-OO! COULD'VE BEEN ON THAT FISHING TRIP LAST YEAR OR MAYBE AT---



OH WELL, NO USE BUSTIN' THE OLD BRAIN PLAYING A SINGLE-HANDED GAME OF QUIZ---



WANT TO SEE ME, PAL?



you?

WELL, WELL, THE EX-MANAGER OF "WATT-NOTTS" STORE! THE CHARACTER WITH THE JUNIOR G-MAN COMPLEX!



THE STORE DETECTIVE! OF ALL THE GUYS TO HOLD A GET-TOGETHER WITH!

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